



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2003 and 2004

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

15 ILCS 205/6.6

Amends the Attorney General Act. Makes a technical change in a Section relating to the immigrant assistance program.

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1 AN ACT concerning immigrants and refugees.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Attorney General Act is amended by changing
5 Section 6.6 as follows:

6 (15 ILCS 205/6.6)

7 Sec. 6.6. Immigrant Assistance Program.

8 (a) Purpose and policy. The immigrant population of the
9 State of Illinois constitutes a significant portion of the
10 population of the State of Illinois. These immigrants often
11 require assistance in order to obtain the government services
12 to which they are entitled under the law. It is imperative that
13 State government is aware of the needs of the State's immigrant
14 community and sensitive to the barriers that may prevent them
15 from seeking and obtaining services. The Office of the Attorney
16 General should be equipped to assist immigrants by increasing
17 accessibility to the Office and providing outreach services to
18 the community, which will serve to educate immigrants as to
19 their rights and responsibilities as residents of the State.

20 (b) Immigrant Assistance Program. Within the Office of the
21 Attorney General, there shall be established an Immigrant
22 Assistance Program, which shall be charged with the
23 responsibility of assessing the needs of the State's immigrant
24 community with regard to access to government and other
25 services. In addition, the Immigrant Assistance Program shall
26 be empowered to provide education and outreach services to the
27 immigrant community of the State, subject to funding
28 availability. These services may include, but are not limited
29 to, consumer issues, civil rights issues, employee rights, and
30 other issues of particular interest to the immigrant
31 communities in the State.

32 (Source: P.A. 93-464, eff. 8-8-03.)